

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle's Plastic Bag Committee: Following the recommendation of a Waterville South End resident, we are revising our ordinance to say "Plastic bags will be banned from stores of more than 10,000 square feet." We hope this will be more readily accepted since "mom & pop stores" will probably not be included. A disgruntled Waterville resident spoke in opposition to the proposed bag ordinance at a City Council meeting. The "good news" is no one clapped after he finished speaking. His text appeared in as an editorial in "The Maine Compass" on February 28.

We continue to be in the educational phase of our plan. We held screenings of Bag It at the Pleasant St. Methodist Church and at Waterville Congregational Church. Approximately 25 people attended. The next public screening will be Wednesday, March 7 from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM at Beth Israel Synagogue (Main St., Waterville). We are holding a private screening for the South End Teen Association. At each showing, we give away reusable shopping bags. The next RX4 Team meeting will be Thursday, March 15 at 9:00 AM in the Front Street Conference Room of Waterville City Hall.

Your help is needed!

☑ If you are a Waterville resident, please contact your City Councilor and speak in support of this plastic bag ordinance.

☑ Write a letter to the editor in favor of the plastic bag ordinance.

(Linda has the talking points to include.)

☑ Linda is helping Waterville Creates with an Earth Day project and needs adult assistance on April 14 & 21. If you are interested, let her know.

Linda will be attending a meeting about composting at The Taste of Waterville to be held August 1. Prior to this, she conversed with Lisa at ecoMaine and Greg at Agri-Cycle Energy.